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For your collection of things folks would like to do at Gold King.

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Deb:

If undertaken, this could be done in a number of ways – such as follows:

Phase 1: Each key stakeholder appoints a qualified technical rep in the fields of causation and consequences (possibly different experts)(presumably EPA, Colo and NM, Tribes, other stakeholder reps ???)(would like to keep the group as small as possible - 6–10 if feasible).

EPA sets forth the historic and planned investigation of the causation and consequences. The Technical Working Group of experts (TWG) then comments and advises on the EPA plan for going forward. EPA adjusts as it desires and undertakes/completes its work. If EPA wants advise along the way, the TWG can advise.

Phase 2: EPA completes its investigation and submits a draft report to the TWG for comment. The EPA and TWG discuss the report and the TWG proposes changes to be made to the final report (text, other investigations, etc) presumably on causation and consequences/damages/impact. EPA makes the changes it deems worthwhile.

Phase 3: EPA submits final report to TWG for final review and comment; TWG prepares a memo of its comments thereon.

Meetings are facilitated. I have been working with the TWG in New Mexico on the Questa Site Remediation (geotechnical, water and remediation) for a few years and it has worked well. I got some credibility as a facilitator because I am a registered professional engineer.

This is the Region 6 comment on this: "As required under the September 2012 AOC, CMI initiated the multi-stakeholder facilitated process to develop and evaluate remedial design options for the waste rock piles. CMI set up a technical working group (TWG) in which experts retained by EPA, NMED, MMD, and other stakeholders were invited to participate. The TWG will provide technical expertise to assist CMI in the development and evaluation of design options for the waste rock piles. The TWG will provide input relating to EPA's Selected Remedy as well as the regulatory requirements and Performance Standards set forth in the ROD. The TWG will provide factual findings from that process to CMI for consideration in preparing deliverables for EPA review. The TWG has met on the following dates: January 23-24, 2013; March 7-8, 2013; April 1-3, 2013; May 8-9, 2013; July 23-25, 2013; August 28-29, 2013; November 19-21, 2013; January 22-24, 2014; March 11-13, 2014; April 30 – May 2, 2014; June 9-11, 2014, July 30-August 1, 2014, September 3-5, 2014, October 22-23, 2014, January 20-21, 2015."

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